

In the Claims:

1. (Original) A system for maneuvering an implant to a target site and deploying the implant at the target site, the system comprising:

an outer housing having a working channel and first and second ends,
the first end having a piercing jaw, the piercing jaw moveably coupled
to the first end,
the second end providing access to the working channel of the outer
housing; and

an inner housing having a working passage and distal and proximal ends,
wherein the inner housing is sized to be slidable within the working
channel of the outer housing, has a piercing jaw that is moveably coupled to the distal end of
the inner housing, and has a plunger face positioned within the inner housing's working
passage.

2. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the plunger face is slidable within the working
passage of the inner housing.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the outer housing contains a second internal
channel.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the outer housing has an expandable bladder in
physical communication with its external surface, the bladder expandable from a first
position to a second larger position.

7. (Original) The system of claim 6 wherein an accessible surface of the bladder is covered
with a therapeutic.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the piercing jaw of the inner housing is separable into at least two sections.

10. (Original) The system of claim 9 wherein the two sections are biased towards each other with a biasing element.

11. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the working passage of the inner housing is in fluid communication with a vacuum source.

12. (Original) The system of claim 1 wherein the outer housing has a first locking collar in physical communication with its outside surface and the inner housing has a second locking collar in physical communication with its outside surface, and wherein the first locking collar and the second locking collar are releasably connected to one another.

13. (Previously presented) The system of claim 1 wherein the plunger face is releasably coupled to either a first locking collar or a second locking collar.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) A device for maneuvering an implant to a target site in the body and deploying the implant at the target site, the device comprising:

a biocompatible housing having a working channel, an outside surface, a first end, and a second end;

a first piercing jaw that is moveably coupled to the first end of the housing, ends in a piercing tip, and is moveable from a first closed position to a second open position, the second open position allowing access to the working channel of the housing; and

an expandable bladder, the expandable bladder in physical communication with an outside surface of the housing, the expandable bladder expandable from a first position to a second position.

16. (Previously presented) The device of claim 15 wherein the expandable bladder is coated with a therapeutic.

17. (Previously presented) A device for maneuvering an implant to a target site in the body and deploying the implant at the target site, the device comprising:

a biocompatible housing having a working channel, a therapeutic channel, an outside surface, a first end, and a second end;

a first piercing jaw that is moveably coupled to the first end of the housing, ends in a piercing tip, and is moveable from a first closed position to a second open position, the second open position allowing access to the working channel of the housing; and

an expandable bladder having an inside and outside surface, the expandable bladder in physical communication with an outside surface of the housing, the outside surface of the expandable bladder in fluid communication with the therapeutic channel, the expandable bladder expandable from a first position to a second position.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A device for maneuvering an implant to a target site in the body and deploying the implant at the target site, the device comprising:

a biocompatible housing having a working channel, an outside surface, a first end, and a second end;

a first piercing jaw that is moveably coupled to the first end of the housing, ends in a piercing tip, defines an orifice through one of its surfaces, and is moveable from a first closed position to a second open position, the second open position allowing access to the working channel of the housing; and

a plunger assembly containing a plunger head and a plunger shaft, the plunger assembly located within the working channel of the housing.

20. (Previously presented) A device for maneuvering an implant to a target site in the body and deploying the implant at the target site, the device comprising:

a biocompatible housing having a working channel, an outside surface, a first end, and a second end;

a first piercing jaw that is moveably coupled to the first end of the housing, ends in a piercing tip, and is moveable from a first closed position to a second open position, the second open position allowing access to the working channel of the housing; and

a plunger assembly containing a plunger head and a plunger shaft, the plunger shaft terminating in a knob, the plunger shaft defining one or more holes, the plunger assembly located within the working channel of the housing.

21-22 (Canceled)

23. (Previously presented) A device for maneuvering an implant to a target site in the body and deploying the implant at the target site, the device comprising:

a biocompatible housing having a working channel, an outside surface, a first end, and a second end;

a first piercing jaw that is moveably coupled to the first end of the housing, ends in a piercing tip, and is moveable from a first closed position to a second open position, the second open position allowing access to the working channel of the housing; and

a locking collar in physical communication with the outside surface of the housing.

24-25 (Canceled)

26. (Previously presented) A method for maneuvering an implant to a target site and deploying the implant at the target site, the method comprising:

guiding a first housing having a piercing jaw ending in a piercing tip and a working channel through a body and to a target site in the body, the piercing tip forging the path towards the target in which the housing will travel;

urging a second housing from an end of the working channel of the first housing;

retracting the second housing into the working channel of the first housing;

deploying an implant at the target site; and

inflating an expandable bladder located around at least the first or second housing.

27. (Previously presented) A method for maneuvering an implant to a target site and deploying the implant at the target site, the method comprising:

guiding a first housing having a piercing jaw ending in a piercing tip and a working channel through a body and to a target site in the body, by manipulating a guide wire placed within the first housing;

urging a second housing from an end of the working channel of the first housing;

retracting the second housing into the working channel of the first housing;

and

deploying an implant at the target site.

28. (Previously presented) A method for maneuvering an implant to a target site and deploying the implant at the target site, the method comprising:

guiding a first housing having a piercing jaw ending in a piercing tip and a working channel through a body and to a target site in the body;

urging a second housing from an end of the working channel of the first housing;

retracting the second housing into the working channel of the first housing;

deploying an implant at the target site; and

releasably coupling a locking collar from the first housing to a locking collar from the second housing.

29. (Original) A system for maneuvering an implant to a target site and deploying the implant at the target site, the system comprising:

an outer housing having a working channel, and a first end and a second end, the first end having a first means for piercing into the body the first means for piercing moveably coupled to the first end, the second end providing access to the working channel of the outer housing; and

an inner housing having a working passage and a distal end and a proximal end,

wherein the inner housing is also sized to be slidable within the working channel of the outer housing and has a second means for piercing into the body that is moveably coupled to the distal end of the inner housing, the inner housing also having a plunger assembly positioned within its working passage.